THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) and (b) The information sought relates to the day-to-day functioning of M/s. Pepsi Foods Private Limited and the same is not maintained by Government.

Price Hike by Aluminium Producers

493. SHRI MOHD. KHALEELUR RAHMAN: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state :

(a) what are the circumstances under which the aluminium producers have hiked the basic price of the metal recently;

(b) the number of times the aluminium prices were raised during this year and last year together with the details thereof;

(c) whether any formal announcements were made in this regard; and

(d) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI DINESH GOSWAMI): (a) Due to increases in the cost of inputs primary producers of aluminium have increased the prices of primary aluminium by about Rs. 2000 per tonne in April, 1990.

(b) During 1989-90, there was no increase in the price of aluminium by the primary producers.

(c) and (d) After the decontrol over price and distribution of aluminium from 1-3-1989, no notifications fixing price are issued by Government

खाद्य-प्रसंस्करण उद्योग का विकास किया जाना

494. **श्री विश्वासराव रामाराव पाटिल : क्या खाद्य प्रसंस्करण उद्योग** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार खेती करने, फसल की कटाई करने, भंडारण और ढुलाई के दोषपूर्ण तरीकों की वजह से फलों, सब्जियों और अन्य खाद्य पदार्थों की भारी मात्रा को नष्ट होने से बचाने के लिए विदेशी अथवा स्वदेशी प्रोद्योगिकी पर आधारित समेकित खाद्य प्रसंस्करण उद्योग के विकासार्थ एक व्यापक अध्ययन करने का विचार रखती है; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो इस संबंध में सरकार की योजनाओं और प्रस्तावों का ब्यौरा क्या है ?

वस्त्र मंत्री, साथ में खाद्य प्रसंस्करण उद्योग मंत्रालय का अतिरिक्त प्रभार (श्री शरद यादव) : (क) और (ख) फल एवं सब्जी प्रसंस्करण उद्योगों, मांस प्रसंस्करण उद्योगों, समुद्री मत्स्य उद्योगों, पैकेजिंग उद्योगों इत्यादि सहित खाद्य प्रसंस्करण उद्योगों के विकास के लिए समय-समय पर विभिन्न अध्ययन किये जाते हैं ।

विभिन्न क्षेत्रों में खाद्य प्रसंस्करण उद्योगों की उन्नति और विकास में सहायता करने के लिए वार्षिक योजना 1990–91 के लिए कई योजनाएं तैयार की गई हैं ।

Purchase of Goods from India by M/s. A. B. Bofors

495 SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA :
SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE :

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether M/s. A. B. Bofors had given an undertaking for the import of goods from India as counter trade in the Howitzer deal;

(b) if so, what are the details of the counter trade actually achieved through this method and to what extent exports to Sweden increased during the last three years; and

(c) whether there are any agents/representatives appointed by M/s. A. B. Bofors by whom this counter trade was to be conducted and if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND TOURISM (SHRI ARUN KUMAR NEHRU): (a) Yes. Sir.

(b) By March, 1990 export shipments worth Rs. 477 crores approximately have been accredited under the MOU provisionally. According to the Memorandum of Understanding, export of goods is allowed to third countries also and not restricted only to Sweden. Year-wise details of exports to Sweden under counter trade since 1987-88 are given below :

(Rs. in lakhs)

Year	Exports
1987-88	Nil
1988-89	174
1989-90 (Provisional)	524.49

(c) Under the Memorandum of Understanding, Bofors can assign counter trade obligation to one or serveral appropriate agencies. The list of such nominees could also be modified with mutual consent. Currently, there are 19 nominees of Bofors.

Establishment of Wool Board at Jodhpur

496. SHRI B. L. PANWAR: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Wool Board established at Jodhpur has become fully operational with complete establishment and staff; and

(b) if so, what are its achievements so far?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) Yes, Sir. The Wool Board at Jodhpur is fully operational with complete establishment and near all staff.

(b) The Wool Board has provided, for the first time, a forum that exclusively looks after the interest of wool from an integrated view point. Some of the achievements of the Boards are as follows :

(i) National Seminar on the Development of indian Wool held on 23-5-1989 at New Delhi.

(i) Workshop on grading and marketing of wool held on 22nd & 23rd March. 1990 at Jamnagar.

Shares of LIC, GIC and UTI in M/s Larsen and Toubro, Bomabay

497. DR. BAPU KALDATE: Will the MINISTER OF FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) Whether the Unit Trust of India, the General Insurance Corporation and Life Insurance Corporation have substantial holdings in M/s Larsen and Toubro, Bombay.

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and